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# MONTHLY FARM REPORT

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### PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

CROPS	NORTH CAROLINA			UNITED STATES		
	2007	2008 Intentions	Percent Change	2007	2008 Intentions	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Barley <sup>3</sup>	22	20	-9	4,020	4,147	+3
Corn, All	1,100	920	-16	93,600	86,014	-8
Cotton, All <sup>1</sup>	500	420	-16	10,830	9,390	-13
Hay, All <sup>2</sup>	699	720	+3	61,625	60,583	-2
Oats <sup>3</sup>	50	60	+20	3,760	3,420	-9
Peanuts	92	86	-7	1,230	1,430	+16
Sorghum, All	15	19	+27	7,718	7,415	-4
Soybeans	1,420	1,600	+13	63,631	74,793	+18
Sweetpotatoes	44.0	47.0	+7	100.6	103.8	+3
Tobacco: Burley <sup>2</sup>	4.0	3.5	-13	106.3	97.2	-9
Tobacco: Flue-cured <sup>2</sup>	166	168	+1	223	221	-1
Wheat, Winter <sup>3</sup>	630	820	+30	44,987	46,840	+4

<sup>1</sup> U.S. includes Upland and American-Pima. <sup>2</sup> Data for hay and tobacco represent harvested acres.

<sup>3</sup> Includes acreage planted in preceeding fall.

### WEATHER SUMMARY

**MARCH:** Weekly precipitation during the month of March has lessened the severity of the drought in North Carolina. The first week of March had the most rainfall, ranging from 0.96 to 3.93 inches in different areas of the state. Temperatures for the month of March fluctuated between above normal and below normal. Luckily there have been no official reports of widespread freeze damage.

### IRISH POTATOES

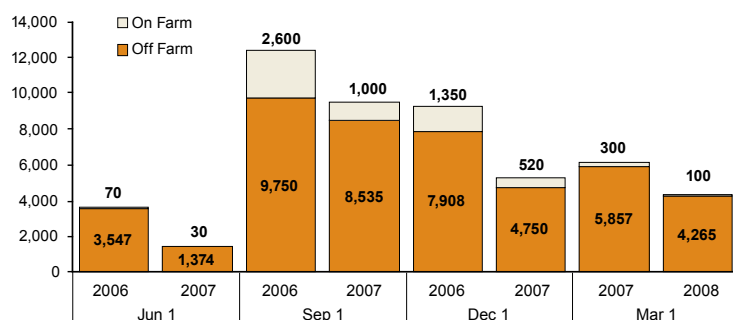
North Carolina farmers intend to plant 15,000 acres of Irish potatoes in 2008, compared to 16,000 acres the previous year.

### OFF FARM GRAIN STOCKS

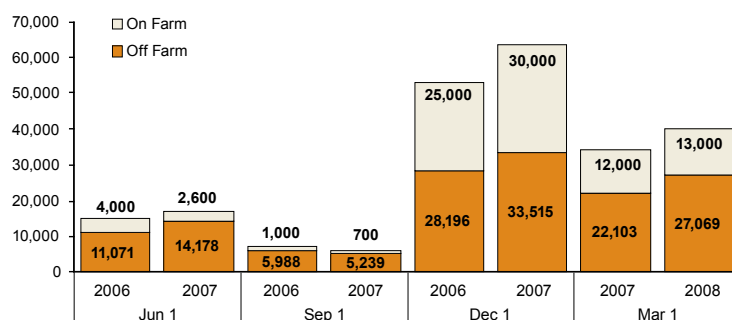
**SOYBEAN GRAIN STOCKS** totaled 7,013,000 bushels as of March 1, 2008.



### WHEAT STOCKS (Thousand Bushels)

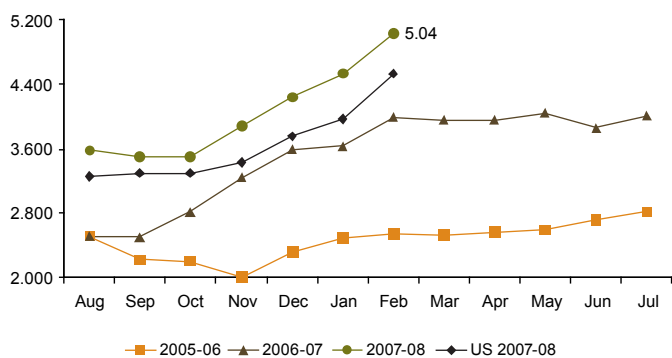


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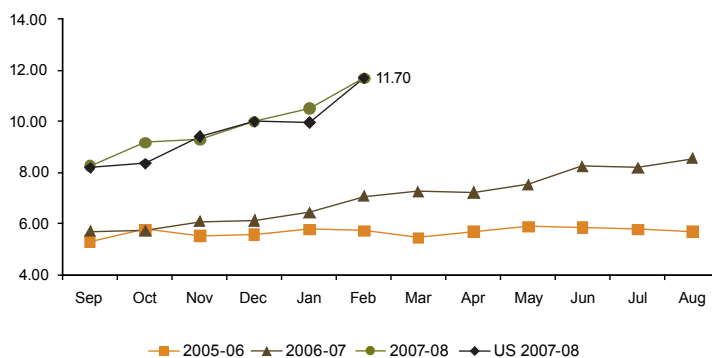
## MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR CORN

(Dollars per Bushel)



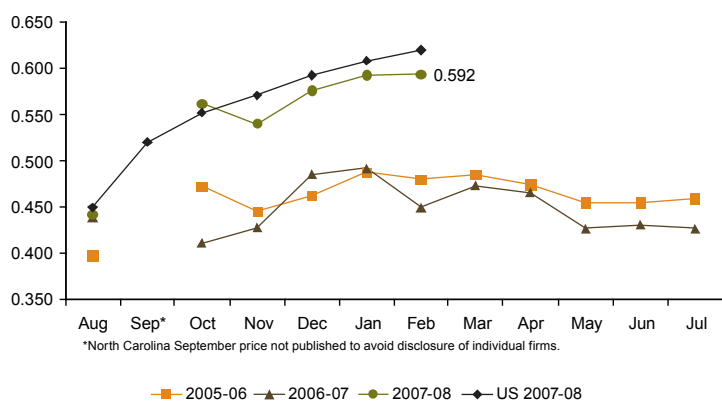
## MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR SOYBEANS

(Dollars per Bushel)



## MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR UPLAND COTTON

(Dollars per Pound)



## MARCH PRELIMINARY PRICES RECEIVED

- Corn \$5.36 per bushel
- Cotton \$0.586 per pound
- Soybeans \$12.20 per bushel
- Hogs \$42.00 per hundredweight
- Eggs \$1.290 per dozen

Sweetpotato  
growers intend  
to plant  
**47,000**  
acres.

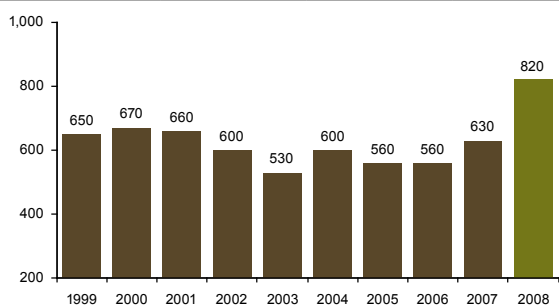


Flue-cured Tobacco  
growers intend  
to harvest  
**168,000** acres.

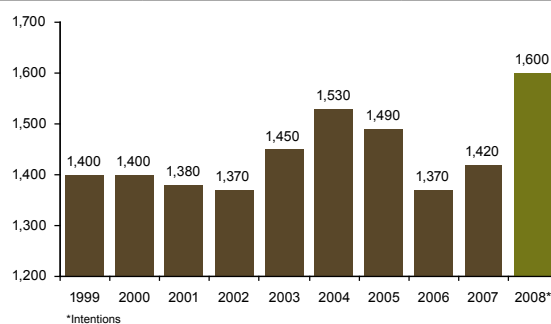


Burley Tobacco  
growers intend to  
harvest **3,500** acres.

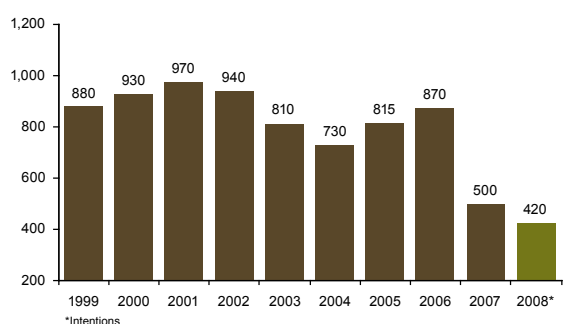
## WINTER WHEAT PLANTINGS (Thousand Acres)



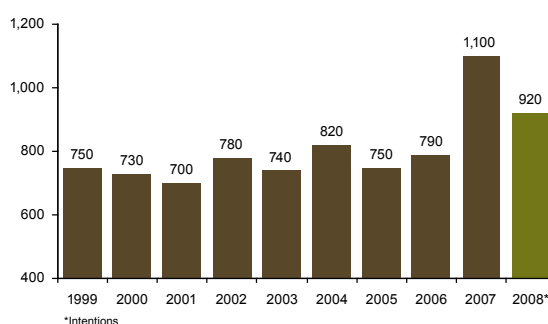
## SOYBEAN PLANTINGS (Thousand Acres)



## COTTON PLANTINGS (Thousand Acres)



## CORN PLANTINGS (Thousand Acres)



## EGG PRODUCTION - February

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Million Eggs</i>					
Alabama	9,225	9,535	159	172	26	29	133	143
Florida	11,216	10,876	232	235	223	226	9	9
Georgia	19,755	19,442	372	378	205	200	167	178
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>11,902</b>	<b>12,757</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>134</b>
South Carolina	4,807	4,583	92	87	73	67	19	20
United States	348,843	343,366	6,951	7,125	5,943	6,053	1,008	1,072

## CHICKS HATCHED - February

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2007	2008	Percent Change
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Alabama	101,237	109,490	+8
Arkansas	92,053	95,937	+4
Delaware	12,987	13,858	+7
Florida	4,587	4,774	+4
Georgia	114,722	118,523	+3
Kentucky	25,665	26,036	+1
Louisiana	12,419	13,626	+10
Maryland	27,770	31,254	+13
Mississippi	62,342	65,686	+5
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>61,954</b>	<b>67,619</b>	<b>+9</b>
Oklahoma	21,633	22,057	+2
Pennsylvania	12,581	14,544	+16
South Carolina	17,680	18,376	+4
Texas	47,518	53,939	+14
Virginia	20,513	21,652	+6
California, Missouri, Tennessee, & West Virginia	64,855	67,315	+4
19 States <sup>1</sup>	700,516	744,686	+6
Other States <sup>2</sup>	23,237	26,511	+14
United States	723,753	771,197	+7

<sup>1</sup> States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. <sup>2</sup> Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



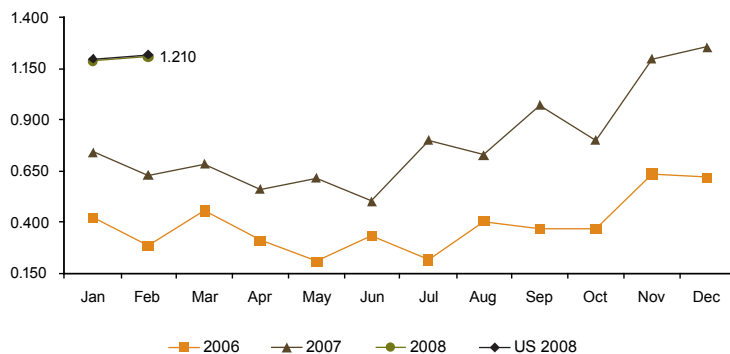
## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - February

SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered <sup>1</sup>		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered <sup>1</sup>		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Thousand Pounds</i>		<i>Million Head</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Cattle	15.4	17.9	18,201	20,654	2.6	2.6	3,250	3,383	1,953	2,039
Hogs	882.2	1,016.7	227,823	267,550	8.1	9.4	2,184	2,535	1,636	1,903

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

## MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR MARKET TYPE EGGS

(Dollars per Dozen)



## LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

**TURKEY HATCHERY - North and South Atlantic Region:** Eggs in incubators on April 1, 2008 totaled 11,499,000. This total is up 13% from the 10,195,000 eggs reported on April 1, 2007. Poults hatched during March 2008 totaled 8,816,000, a 3% increase from the 8,576,000 poults hatched in March 2007.

**CHICKEN EGGS - South Atlantic Region:** Broiler-Type eggs in incubators on March 1, 2008 totaled 251,372,000. The total was up 1% from the March 2007 total of 248,207,000 eggs. The total number of Egg-Type eggs in incubators on March, 2008 increased 17% from the previous year to 4,624,000 eggs.

**SOWS FARROWING:** North Carolina producers intend to farrow 560,000 sows during the March – May 2008 quarter and 560,000 sows during the June – August 2008 quarter.

**PIG CROP:** The State's pig crop during the December – February 2008 period totaled 5.03 million head, up 2 percent from the same quarter last year.

**PIGS PER LITTER:** The number of pigs saved per litter averaged 9.15 during the December – February 2008 quarter, up slightly from the number of pigs saved on average last year.

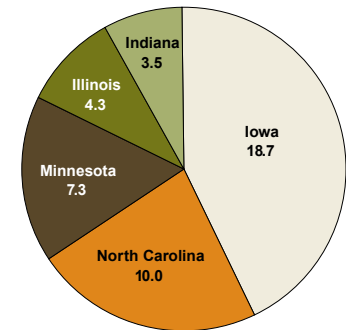
**HOGS AND PIGS** on North Carolina farms March 1, 2008 totaled 10.0 million head, up 6 percent from March 1, 2007.

## HOGS & PIG INVENTORY

ITEM	MARCH 1 INVENTORY			DECEMBER 1 INVENTORY		
	2007	2008	Percent Change	2006	2007	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Breeding Hogs	1,030	1,020	-1	1,010	1,030	+2
Market Hogs	8,370	8,980	+7	8,490	9,070	+7
Under 60 Lbs.	3,430	3,570	+4	3,390	3,370	-1
60-119 Lbs.	1,850	2,070	+12	1,970	2,170	+10
120-179 Lbs.	1,670	1,820	+9	1,680	1,890	+13
180 Lbs. and Over	1,420	1,520	+7	1,450	1,640	+13
All Hogs and Pigs	9,400	10,000	+6	9,500	10,100	+6

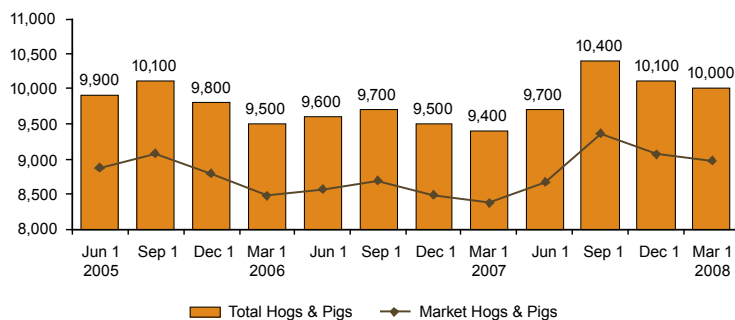
## HOG INVENTORY LEADING STATES

March 1, 2008 (*Million Head*)



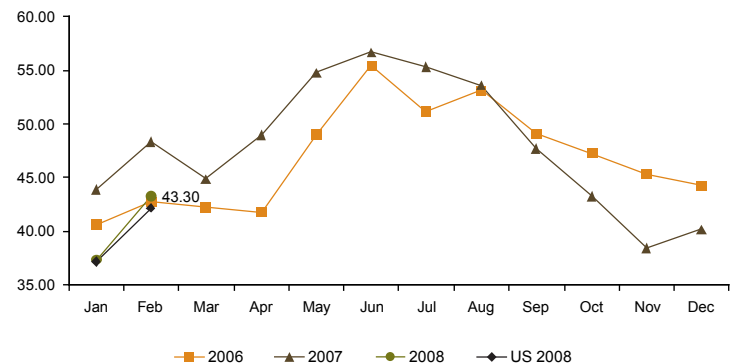
## HOG & PIG INVENTORY

(*Thousand Head*)



## MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR HOGS

(*Dollars per Cwt.*)



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